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Statistics on International Terrorism in 1979

Table 1

**Geographic Distribution of International Terrorist Incidents, 1968-79**

| Location                     | 1968       | 1969       | 1970       | 1971       | 1972       | 1973       | 1974       | 1975       | 1976       | 1977       | 1978       | 1979       | Total <sup>1</sup> |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------|
| North America                | 35         | 7          | 23         | 24         | 18         | 18         | 38         | 51         | 37         | 23         | 19         | 25         | 318 (11.4)         |
| Latin America                | 41         | 71         | 113        | 70         | 49         | 80         | 124        | 48         | 105        | 46         | 61         | 53         | 861 (25.8)         |
| Western Europe               | 16         | 31         | 58         | 38         | 112        | 141        | 151        | 109        | 179        | 129        | 166        | 137        | 1,267 (38.0)       |
| USSR/Eastern Europe          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 2          | 1          | 0          | 1          | 2          | 0          | 2          | 3          | 3          | 15 (0.4)           |
| Sub-Saharan Africa           | 0          | 7          | 8          | 4          | 4          | 4          | 9          | 18         | 16         | 20         | 24         | 10         | 124 (3.7)          |
| Middle East and North Africa | 18         | 32         | 60         | 52         | 35         | 21         | 47         | 56         | 62         | 48         | 61         | 39         | 531 (15.9)         |
| Asia                         | 1          | 12         | 19         | 24         | 43         | 10         | 11         | 13         | 14         | 8          | 16         | 26         | 197 (5.9)          |
| Oceania                      | 0          | 5          | 1          | 2          | 3          | 1          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 3          | 3          | 0          | 19 (0.5)           |
| Transregional                | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 4          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 4 (0.1)            |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>111</b> | <b>166</b> | <b>282</b> | <b>216</b> | <b>269</b> | <b>275</b> | <b>382</b> | <b>297</b> | <b>413</b> | <b>279</b> | <b>353</b> | <b>293</b> | <b>3,336</b>       |

<sup>1</sup> Figures in parentheses are percentages of the total accounted for by each region.

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Table 2

**International Terrorist Attacks on US Citizens or Property, 1968-79, by Category of Target**

| Target                                 | 1968      | 1969      | 1970       | 1971       | 1972       | 1973       | 1974       | 1975       | 1976       | 1977      | 1978       | 1979      | Total <sup>1</sup> |
|--|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Diplomatic officials or property       | 12        | 17        | 52         | 51         | 22         | 19         | 12         | 12         | 12         | 21        | 22         | 21        | 273 (20.3)         |
| Military officials or property         | 4         | 2         | 38         | 36         | 11         | 12         | 12         | 9          | 33         | 40        | 30         | 7         | 204 (15.1)         |
| Other Government officials or property | 26        | 32        | 57         | 21         | 20         | 10         | 16         | 14         | 2          | 7         | 2          | 10        | 217 (16.1)         |
| Business facilities or executives      | 6         | 35        | 24         | 40         | 44         | 51         | 86         | 42         | 52         | 33        | 47         | 27        | 487 (36.2)         |
| Private citizens                       | 3         | 7         | 17         | 5          | 12         | 10         | 13         | 27         | 26         | 13        | 21         | 12        | 166 (12.3)         |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>51</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>188</b> | <b>153</b> | <b>109</b> | <b>102</b> | <b>139</b> | <b>104</b> | <b>125</b> | <b>84</b> | <b>122</b> | <b>77</b> | <b>1,347</b>       |

<sup>1</sup> Figures in parentheses are percentages of the total accounted for by each category of target.

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Table 3

**International Terrorist Incidents,  
1968-79, by Category of Attack**

|                            | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | Total <sup>1</sup> |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------------|
| Kidnaping                  | 1    | 3    | 32   | 17   | 11   | 37   | 25   | 38   | 30   | 22   | 27   | 20   | 263 (7.9)          |
| Barricade-hostage          | 0    | 0    | 5    | 1    | 3    | 8    | 9    | 14   | 4    | 5    | 11   | 13   | 73 (2.2)           |
| Letter bombing             | 3    | 4    | 3    | 1    | 92   | 22   | 16   | 3    | 11   | 2    | 5    | 24   | 186 (5.5)          |
| Incendiary bombing         | 12   | 22   | 53   | 30   | 15   | 31   | 37   | 20   | 91   | 57   | 69   | 19   | 456 (13.7)         |
| Explosive bombing          | 67   | 97   | 104  | 115  | 106  | 136  | 239  | 169  | 176  | 131  | 133  | 115  | 1,588 (47.6)       |
| Armed attack               | 11   | 13   | 8    | 8    | 9    | 10   | 21   | 11   | 21   | 14   | 36   | 26   | 188 (5.5)          |
| Hijacking <sup>2</sup>     | 3    | 11   | 21   | 9    | 14   | 6    | 8    | 4    | 6    | 8    | 2    | 8    | 100 (3.0)          |
| Assassination              | 7    | 4    | 16   | 12   | 10   | 18   | 12   | 20   | 48   | 23   | 29   | 47   | 246 (7.4)          |
| Theft, break-in            | 3    | 7    | 22   | 10   | 1    | 0    | 8    | 8    | 5    | 0    | 12   | 2    | 78 (2.3)           |
| Sniping                    | 3    | 2    | 7    | 3    | 4    | 3    | 3    | 9    | 14   | 6    | 9    | 8    | 71 (2.1)           |
| Other actions <sup>3</sup> | 1    | 3    | 11   | 10   | 4    | 4    | 4    | 1    | 7    | 11   | 20   | 11   | 87 (2.6)           |

<sup>1</sup> Figures in parentheses are percentages of the total accounted for by each category of attack.

<sup>2</sup> Includes hijackings by means of air, sea, or land transport, but excludes numerous nonterrorist hijackings.

<sup>3</sup> Includes occupation of facilities without hostage seizure, shootouts with police, and sabotage.

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Table 4

**Geographic Distribution of International Terrorist Incidents,  
1968-79, by Category of Attack**

|                            | North America | Latin America | Western Europe | USSR/<br>Eastern Europe | Sub-Saharan Africa | Middle East/North Africa | Asia       | Oceania   | Trans-regional | Total        |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------|----------------|--------------|
| Kidnaping                  | 3             | 144           | 25             | 0                       | 40                 | 34                       | 15         | 2         | 0              | 263          |
| Barricade-hostage          | 6             | 19            | 24             | 0                       | 2                  | 19                       | 3          | 0         | 0              | 73           |
| Letter bombing             | 15            | 9             | 100            | 0                       | 14                 | 7                        | 37         | 0         | 4              | 186          |
| Incendiary bombing         | 30            | 72            | 256            | 3                       | 4                  | 53                       | 34         | 4         | 0              | 456          |
| Explosive bombing          | 214           | 403           | 641            | 8                       | 12                 | 250                      | 48         | 12        | 0              | 1,552        |
| Armed attack               | 3             | 37            | 38             | 1                       | 23                 | 62                       | 24         | 0         | 0              | 188          |
| Hijacking <sup>1</sup>     | 6             | 23            | 19             | 1                       | 7                  | 28                       | 16         | 0         | 0              | 100          |
| Assassination              | 17            | 62            | 94             | 0                       | 20                 | 38                       | 14         | 1         | 0              | 246          |
| Theft, break-in            | 3             | 45            | 14             | 0                       | 0                  | 14                       | 2          | 0         | 0              | 78           |
| Sniping                    | 12            | 32            | 9              | 1                       | 1                  | 13                       | 3          | 0         | 0              | 71           |
| Other actions <sup>2</sup> | 9             | 15            | 47             | 1                       | 1                  | 13                       | 1          | 0         | 0              | 87           |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>318</b>    | <b>861</b>    | <b>1,267</b>   | <b>15</b>               | <b>124</b>         | <b>531</b>               | <b>197</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>4</b>       | <b>3,336</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Includes hijackings by means of air, sea, or land transport, but excludes numerous nonterrorist hijackings.

<sup>2</sup> Includes occupation of facilities without hostage seizure, shootouts with police, and sabotage.

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Table 5

**International Terrorist Attack on US Citizens or Property,  
1968-79, by Category of Attack**

|                            | 1968      | 1969      | 1970       | 1971       | 1972       | 1973       | 1974       | 1975       | 1976       | 1977      | 1978       | 1979      | Total <sup>1</sup> |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Kidnaping                  | 1         | 2         | 17         | 9          | 2          | 20         | 8          | 20         | 7          | 4         | 5          | 5         | 100 (7.4)          |
| Barricade-hostage          | 0         | 0         | 3          | 0          | 1          | 2          | 2          | 1          | 1          | 3         | 0          | 3         | 16 (1.2)           |
| Letter bombing             | 2         | 1         | 2          | 0          | 3          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 2          | 1         | 0          | 0         | 12 (0.9)           |
| Incendiary bombing         | 12        | 18        | 40         | 26         | 13         | 19         | 25         | 4          | 36         | 24        | 49         | 9         | 275 (20.4)         |
| Explosive bombing          | 30        | 58        | 77         | 93         | 73         | 52         | 90         | 63         | 44         | 35        | 40         | 38        | 693 (51.4)         |
| Armed attack               | 1         | 4         | 3          | 4          | 6          | 6          | 5          | 3          | 8          | 3         | 11         | 7         | 61 (4.5)           |
| Hijacking <sup>2</sup>     | 0         | 4         | 12         | 3          | 4          | 0          | 0          | 2          | 5          | 4         | 0          | 1         | 35 (2.6)           |
| Assassination              | 3         | 2         | 9          | 2          | 2          | 3          | 2          | 7          | 13         | 5         | 6          | 9         | 63 (4.7)           |
| Theft, break-in            | 0         | 3         | 15         | 8          | 0          | 0          | 3          | 3          | 1          | 0         | 8          | 0         | 41 (3.0)           |
| Sniping                    | 2         | 1         | 5          | 2          | 2          | 0          | 3          | 1          | 5          | 4         | 3          | 3         | 31 (2.3)           |
| Other actions <sup>3</sup> | 0         | 0         | 5          | 6          | 3          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 3          | 1         | 1          | 2         | 21 (1.6)           |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>51</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>188</b> | <b>153</b> | <b>109</b> | <b>102</b> | <b>139</b> | <b>104</b> | <b>125</b> | <b>84</b> | <b>123</b> | <b>77</b> | <b>1,348</b>       |

<sup>1</sup> Figures in parentheses are percentages of the total accounted for by each category of attack.

<sup>2</sup> Includes hijackings by means of air, sea, or land transport, but excludes numerous nonterrorist hijackings, many of which involved US aircraft.

<sup>3</sup> Includes occupation of facilities without hostage seizure, shootouts with police, and sabotage.

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Table 6

**Geographic Distribution of International Terrorist Incidents,  
1979, by Category of Attack**

|                        | North America | Latin America | Western Europe | USSR/<br>Eastern Europe | Sub-Saharan Africa | Middle East/North Africa | Asia      | Total      |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Kidnaping              | 1             | 11            | 2              | 0                       | 1                  | 1                        | 4         | 20         |
| Barricade-hostage      | 0             | 8             | 1              | 0                       | 0                  | 4                        | 0         | 13         |
| Letter bombing         | 1             | 0             | 22             | 0                       | 0                  | 1                        | 0         | 24         |
| Incendiary bombing     | 1             | 3             | 7              | 1                       | 0                  | 1                        | 6         | 19         |
| Explosive bombing      | 16            | 15            | 66             | 1                       | 2                  | 13                       | 2         | 115        |
| Armed attack           | 1             | 4             | 4              | 0                       | 2                  | 4                        | 11        | 26         |
| Hijacking <sup>1</sup> | 1             | 1             | 0              | 1                       | 0                  | 4                        | 1         | 8          |
| Assassination          | 2             | 6             | 25             | 0                       | 5                  | 7                        | 2         | 47         |
| Theft, break-in        | 0             | 1             | 1              | 0                       | 0                  | 0                        | 0         | 2          |
| Sniping                | 1             | 4             | 1              | 0                       | 0                  | 2                        | 0         | 8          |
| Other <sup>2</sup>     | 1             | 0             | 8              | 0                       | 0                  | 2                        | 0         | 11         |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>25</b>     | <b>53</b>     | <b>137</b>     | <b>3</b>                | <b>10</b>          | <b>39</b>                | <b>26</b> | <b>293</b> |

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**Geographic Distribution of International Terrorist Attacks  
on US Citizens or Property, 1968-79, by Category of Attack**

|                            | North<br>America | Latin<br>America | Western<br>Europe | USSR/<br>Eastern<br>Europe | Sub-<br>Saharan<br>Africa | Middle<br>East/North<br>Africa | Asia       | Oceania  |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Kidnaping                  | 0                | 61               | 1                 | 0                          | 14                        | 20                             | 4          | 0        |
| Barricade-hostage          | 3                | 3                | 1                 | 0                          | 0                         | 8                              | 1          | 0        |
| Letter bombing             | 3                | 2                | 1                 | 0                          | 2                         | 0                              | 4          | 0        |
| Incendiary bombing         | 6                | 61               | 131               | 1                          | 3                         | 42                             | 27         | 4        |
| Explosive bombing          | 77               | 267              | 186               | 0                          | 4                         | 118                            | 38         | 3        |
| Armed attack               | 0                | 19               | 12                | 0                          | 3                         | 17                             | 10         | 0        |
| Hijacking <sup>1</sup>     | 6                | 5                | 11                | 0                          | 0                         | 3                              | 10         | 0        |
| Assassination              | 3                | 23               | 11                | 0                          | 6                         | 14                             | 6          | 0        |
| Theft, break-in            | 0                | 28               | 5                 | 0                          | 0                         | 7                              | 0          | 0        |
| Sniping                    | 0                | 16               | 4                 | 1                          | 0                         | 7                              | 3          | 0        |
| Other actions <sup>2</sup> | 1                | 7                | 3                 | 1                          | 0                         | 8                              | 1          | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>99</b>        | <b>492</b>       | <b>366</b>        | <b>3</b>                   | <b>32</b>                 | <b>244</b>                     | <b>105</b> | <b>7</b> |

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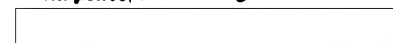
Table 8

**Geographic Distribution of International Terrorist Attacks  
on US Citizens or Property, 1979, by Category of Attack**

|                        | North<br>America | Latin<br>America | Western<br>Europe | USSR/<br>Eastern<br>Europe | Sub-<br>Saharan<br>Africa | Middle<br>East/North<br>Africa | Asia      | T         |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Kidnaping              | 0                | 3                | 0                 | 0                          | 0                         | 1                              | 1         | 5         |
| Barricade-hostage      | 0                | 1                | 0                 | 0                          | 0                         | 2                              | 0         | 3         |
| Letter bombing         | 0                | 0                | 0                 | 0                          | 0                         | 0                              | 0         | 0         |
| Incendiary bombing     | 0                | 1                | 1                 | 0                          | 0                         | 1                              | 6         | 9         |
| Explosive bombing      | 12               | 10               | 12                | 0                          | 0                         | 2                              | 2         | 36        |
| Armed attack           | 0                | 2                | 0                 | 0                          | 0                         | 3                              | 2         | 7         |
| Hijacking <sup>1</sup> | 1                | 0                | 0                 | 0                          | 0                         | 0                              | 0         | 1         |
| Assassination          | 1                | 0                | 6                 | 0                          | 1                         | 0                              | 1         | 9         |
| Theft, break-in        | 0                | 0                | 0                 | 0                          | 0                         | 0                              | 0         | 0         |
| Sniping                | 0                | 1                | 1                 | 0                          | 0                         | 1                              | 0         | 2         |
| Other <sup>2</sup>     | 1                | 0                | 1                 | 0                          | 0                         | 0                              | 0         | 2         |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>15</b>        | <b>18</b>        | <b>21</b>         | <b>0</b>                   | <b>1</b>                  | <b>10</b>                      | <b>12</b> | <b>71</b> |

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